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City Council meets to consider pending litigation

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council met in closed-door session via Zoom at 6:01 p.m. Aug. 27 to "consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation."

The Open Meetings Act allows closed session for this, "only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body."

Present were Mayor Kerreen Conley and Council persons Kelly Bates and Ken Voigt, a quorum. Also present were Aaron Powers of WCA Assessing, assessing attorney Laura Hallahan, and City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz.

Councilman Voigt was present by phone and said he was in Knoxville.

Councilman Tom Fielder was absent and Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte had been called into work, so he also was absent.

Police Chief Dave Robinson and the *Independent* were present for the beginning of the meeting and then were excused as the council went into closed-door session.

Council came back into regular session at 6:29 p.m., said City Manager Kobylarz, who declined to identify the case involved.

The council unanimously passed a motion to approve the litigation plan as outlined.

Photo courtesy of John Juriga

These are the pipes under the new 91-space parking lot now under construction next to the Belleville Area District Library. The pipes, now buried, are to filter the water drained from the surface before it goes into Belleville Lake. The old library had to be demolished before the parking lot could be built. The public parking spaces will serve both the library and businesses in the city of Belleville.

Sidewalks to be closed at north end of Main St.

On Tuesday, Mark Davenport of Davenport Brothers Construction announced he would be closing the sidewalk along construction on Main Street in Belleville from the Metro store around the corner to the light at the bridge. He said people like to walk along that sidewalk and he wanted them to be informed that it will be fenced off during construction of Scott Jones' new development.

Sumpter responds to criticisms of precinct activities

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Sumpter Township's regular, in-person board meeting on Aug. 25, Clerk Esther Hurst and Trustee Tim Rush, who both are running for reelection in the Nov. 3 election, presented a defense of activities at Precinct 5 in the Aug. 4 primary election.

Clerk Hurst said criticisms have pointed at township officials, herself, and her staff and this has impacted the election inspector team. She said they followed election law.

She said allegations of throwing away of ballots is not true and many are looking for the truth.

"The current media is not the place to look," Hurst said.

Trustee Rush said he has lived in the township for 30 years and this is the worst election year he's ever seen, with false, criminal allegations.

He criticized the *Independent* for gladly publishing criticisms without a phone call to get the other side.

"Residents need to hear the truth," Rush said. "I swore an oath … I've been falsely accused."

He said Toni Clark said she personally saw him open the tabulating machine and removing and carrying out tapes. He directed Deputy Clerk Tony Burdick to run the surveillance tape from the precinct so it could be seen on the big screens in the

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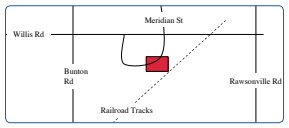

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT planners approve preliminary site plan for senior housing complex

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After six months of delay, Hampton Manor senior living facility is on its way to being constructed at the corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads in Van Buren Township.

At the July 22 Zoom meeting of the VBT Planning Commission, the commission recommended a special land use request to the township board and then approved the complex's preliminary site plan.

The project had its public hearing in January and then a problem with the C zoning arose and so the zoning was changed to allow the large residential use in C. This change went into effect July 30.

The senior living facility has a Memory Care wing with 24 units and 56 units for assisted living. In the center of the complex are amenities for the residents, including putting greens, a spa, a hair salon, and gathering places. Each unit has doors and windows to the outside and a small kitchen area.

Planning consultant Vidya Krishnan of McKenna said this is not a group home, like other group homes in the area. Group homes are under the jurisdiction of the State of Michigan.

They expect to have 84 residents and 15 employees and the owners promise the site will be kept litter free.

Engineer Paul Kammer of Fishbeck said the water main service will tie into the west side of Morton Taylor and the pipe will go under the road. The stormwater pipe will also go under Morton Taylor to the McClorey Drain. The sanitary sewer will tie into the Tyler line.

Commissioner Don Boynton asked if there is going to be a fence around the detention pond. He asked if anyone lived next door to the proposed pond at the south end of the property.

Krishnan said the fence would be determined by Wayne County and there is a young family with young children that lives next to the pond.

Kammer said, the requirement for a fence will be based on the slope of the pond. If it's 1:6, no fence would be required by Wayne County, but he will check VBT ordinances.

Bill Thompson of Laner Associates representing Hampton Manor said if a fence is required, they'll put it in.

Rick Williams asked from the audience about the drainage from the building to McClarey Drain. He said the county drain is plugged downriver in Romulus. He said he lives on Tyler Road, west of Morton Taylor, and if the Hampton Manor project drains to the McClarey Drain, the drain will back up and his house will be under water. He said water is now seven feet from his home.

He said his house is on the south side of Tyler Road and there is water there.

"I fear for what's going to happen if McClarey Drain is not unplugged.

Thompson said the water from the project is to be released in the ditch along Morton Taylor at a rate no greater than now.

"Whatever we do is under Wayne County Public Works and the Road Commission," Thompson said.

Williams asked if they are wanting him to move out and sell his home for less because it's flooded.

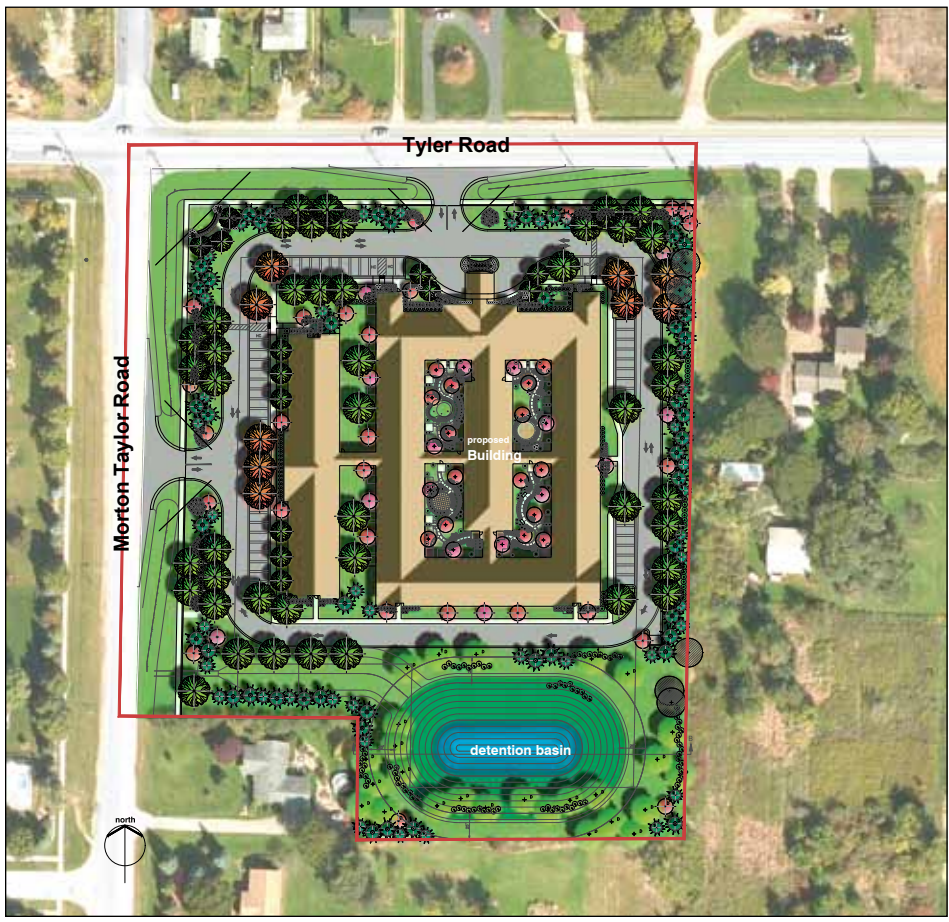
"I don't see this project helping me out at all," Williams said. "The drain hasn't been cleaned out in more than 30 years."

"Mr. Williams is correct," said Public Service Director Matt Best. "His property does take on a lot of water."

Best said last year Fishbeck did a study and a copy of the report can be made available to those interested. He said there is a private ditch that takes water from Meijer. McClarey is not maintained by the county. The drain backs up in Romulus and makes its way back to VBT. It backs up in a rain, he said.

Best said about six years ago petitions were signed in Romulus to ask the county to clean the drain. The board of determination met and found the drain cleanout was not needed then.

He said ten people or more have to sign a petition to ask the county for a cleaning. He said it has to be done by residents and not municipalities. He said the drain goes from Tyler to Morton Taylor to Ecorse to Romulus.



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Williams' neighbor said to dig the ditch to McClarey drain. "I'm still flooding, as is Mr. Williams."

Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson said they should talk with the building department.

Director Power said, "We will be glad to offer information on the study that has been done." The township would also show people how to prepare a petition, he said.

Chairwoman Thompson said the commissioners should get the report so they know what it says.

New Mobil gas station

In other business at the two-hour-and-four-minute meeting on July 22, the commission recommended to the township board approval of a special land use permit for a plan to demolish the existing gas station on a 1.06-acre site on the northwest corner of the I-94 North Service Drive and Haggerty Road and put up a new Mobil gas station featuring a convenience store with retail and food service, including a drive-through lane and one drive-through window, 10 gasoline pumps instead of the previous 12, and related site improvements.

The drive-through component triggered the zoning's requirement for a special land use permit.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked about whether the pole sign will be kept, and was told the owner would like to keep it.

Planning consultant Krishnan said the policy has been when a site is being completely redone, it must conform to the present requirements. They are working on the preliminary site plan and that will be discussed.

VBT Board approves special land use for senior living facility

At its regular meeting Aug. 18, via Zoom, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to grant special land use for a senior housing development with

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Should schools tell you if students are COVID-19 positive?

Last week journalists in Michigan got word that there were 14 positive cases of Covid-19 in Michigan schools. The first and most obvious question was "where?"

As parents all over the state wrestle with the decision to go with virtual learning options or face-to-face learning they are not being fully informed about positive cases in their children's school.

The Michigan Press Association said reporters have reached out to the Governor's office, to the Department of Health and Human Services and other state and local officials to find out where there are positive cases in our schools.

In Van Buren Public Schools, School Supt. Pete Kudlak on Tuesday said there is one football player who tested positive and his 14 days may already be up. It's too soon to know about anybody else since school doesn't start until Sept. 14, he said.

He said the school policy is that the district will communicate by email with parents, kids, and staff if someone in their school is positive. Those who have been in close contact will be informed.

If someone called and asked how many they have positive in the district, he said he would tell you. He won't get specific because that would lead to identification of the person and they want to preserve the privacy of individuals.

That's how it's going to be handled here and it sounds reasonable to us at this point. Supt. Kudlak has been very transparent up to now and it is appreciated.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy released a Public School Superintendent Database that tells the salaries of the superintendents for all 593 school districts in the state.

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak is about in the middle at #237 of 593. It gives his total salary including benefits as $199,288 for the 2017-2020 contract. The enrollment here was said to be 4,481 and it was noted the figures were those given to the Mackinac Center when it was gathering information.

It states first on the list, with the highest superintendent pay, is Traverse City Area Public Schools at $486,061, but it had multiple superintendents. Second on the state list is Romulus Community Schools with $452,499, but it also had multiple superintendents.

At the bottom of the list were districts with just a few students with no superintendents and a cost of zero.

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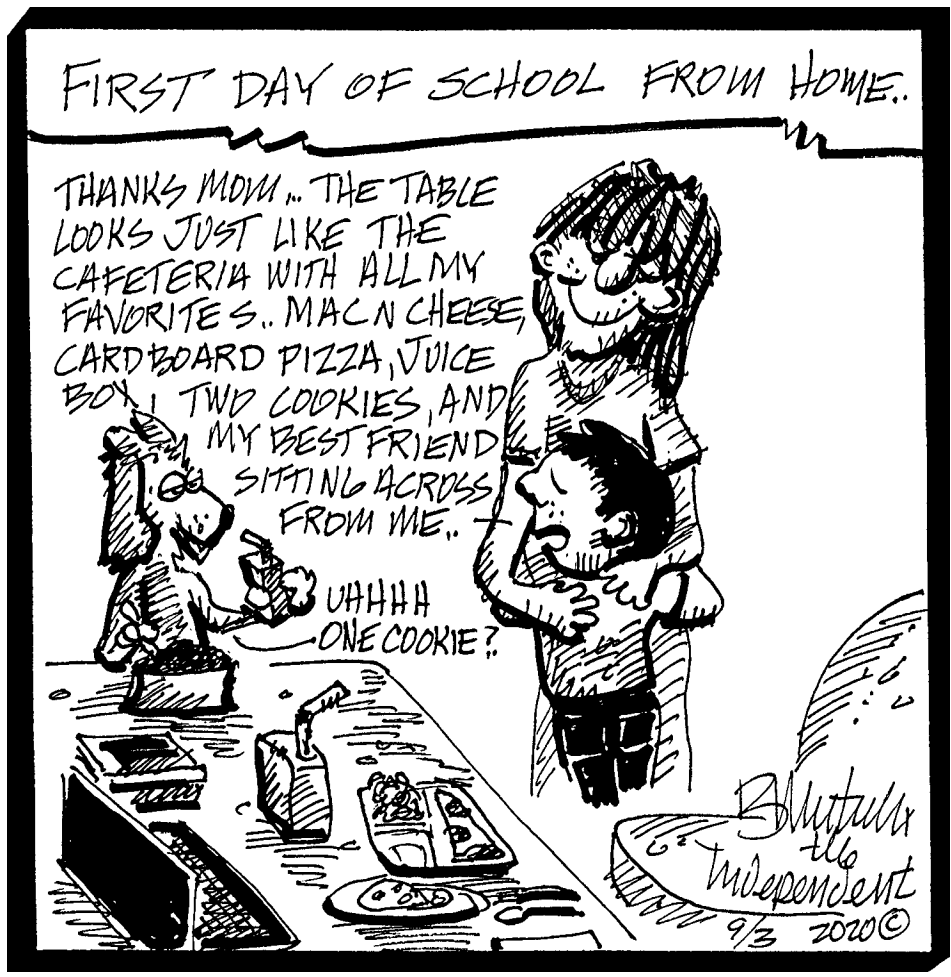
We've had several people with homes and businesses in the city of Belleville contact us to say Enrica is not the only one with water bills that are way too high.

One resident came in to show us his bill for two months. It was $249.99 for him and his wife – no one else in their home – and that included three days without water when the water main broke and they were cut off. Others have similar concerns. It's problematic because people tell me it's impossible to set up an appointment to discuss the bills. They said their phone calls to city hall do not get returned.

While they were visiting us, the residents voiced their concerns – at length -- about the 2 mills they are paying for public safety that is not going for public safety.



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For those interested in the Belleville Area Museum, it looks like it probably won't reopen until after the first of the year. On Monday, during a Zoom budget session, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees discussed the museum budget.

Treasurer Sharry Budd reported that Museum Director Katie Dallos will get a 2% increase in pay in 2021, along with similar positions in the township. Director Dallos is on furlough now, but there is a person who helps people who want to do research in the museum archives, she said.

"It's being held as is until we decide when to reopen," Budd said. "It's just kind of frozen now."

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During the Senior Department part of the discussion on Monday, Director Lynette Jordan said that she was contacted by a Keystone Academy school teacher who wanted to set up a pen pal program between her class and VBT seniors.

Director Jordan said the seniors are sitting at home alone and this would be good for them. And, she said, it would allow both sides to get a view of what's really going on in the outside world.

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Jordan also announced that they were having a volunteer luncheon on Thursday (today) so volunteers who had loved to work together and miss seeing each other can socialize. It's all with social distancing and masks, she said.

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VBT Fire Chief Amy Brow said they are putting a supervisor on every day or night shift and since the "beloved blended-raters" were shut down by the police department they had more time to work as fire fighters. Blended-raters, who are full time in other township positions, get time-and-a-half as fire fighters, while fire fighters get straight time.

Chief Brow said they have laid down the law with the union and gave them two months' notice that they were holding everybody to contract amounts. She said there was a hard fight against it, but they plan to maintain it.

"Ken Floro may not make $100,000 here this year – first time in a long time," she said of the police officer's fire department pay.

Chief Brow also said the case of fire department full-timer Doug Doty is now in the hands of the arbitrator and it should be settled in a few weeks. She said Doty resigned and then retracted his resignation, which had been accepted.

She said they will find out soon if Doty is completely done or if he will be put back in place and awarded back pay to make him whole.

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Letters

Belleville City Manager stifling residents

August 31, 2020
To the editor:

Today, I went to City Hall to pay our Summer Taxes. Since I was going to City Hall to pay taxes, I decided to pick up a dog license during the same visit.

However, when I got there, I was not allowed to venture any further than the foyer as there was a young man sitting at a table who told me that tax payments had to be placed in the "Drop Box" that was in the entry way between the double doors.

OK, that was reasonable. When I tried to obtain a dog license, I was told I could not enter the front office. Even though I had money, a credit card and the Rabies Certificate I could NOT obtain a dog license. Instead, I was told that I should put the money and the Rabies Certificate in the "Drop Box" and a tag would be mailed to me.

Supposedly, this set up was to protect the staff from MY GERMS … and EVERYONE'S germs, truth be told. So, If I have no Covid-19 symptoms and I wear a mask I can go to Mike Windiate's hardware store, Mike Foley's Frosty Boy, CVS, Egan's Pub, Colette McClinton's Garden Fantasy on Main, Loranger's Chiropractic Office, etc. and actually interact with people at businesses in Belleville. I have no symptoms and I was wearing a mask, but I could NOT purchase a DOG LICENSE at City Hall because the City Manager has decided there will be NO cash or personal interactions exchanged between anyone who works at City Hall and the residents (who BTW, pay her salary). This is obviously an overreaction as to how City Employees should conduct City Business with residents. It is also an unnecessary policy.

My wife called VBT offices and was told that anyone wearing a mask who needs a dog license can enter the township building, produce the proper documentation of a Rabies vaccination, pay $5 ($2.50 if dog owner is over 55 years of age) and leave with the dog license in hand between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At City Hall I noticed that there are Plexiglas shields mounted in all the appropriate places between work space counters and space where the public can get business done with city employees. However, any resident entering the building will soon find that interactions are NOT ALLOWED. Everything goes in the "Drop Box", per the City Manager. There is absolutely no reason that the residents should be inconvenienced when attempting to "do business" with the City.

Rick Dawson
Belleville

Get out saws, loppers, mowers -- and use them

To the editor and citizens of Sumpter Township:

I couldn't agree more with Randall Miller's letter to the editor in the Aug. 20 issue of the *Independent* newspaper! Kudos to you, Mr. Miller, for writing it. You voiced exactly what has been weighing heavily on my heart and mind in recent months (actually, years!). Sumpter has been looking like a neglected jungle for quite some time and, yes, it has become very dangerous to negotiate the roadways because of the severe overgrowth along the roads and intersections.

It seems our township is the forgotten, neglected, southwest corner of Wayne County and its road commission, etc.

On some of our rural roads, which were wide enough to allow two-way traffic to traverse safely, one has to pull over and wait for oncoming traffic to pass by because the vines, tree branches and weeds crowd out onto the road so much – narrowing the road so much that it prevents safe two-way traffic! That's despicable and unsafe and disgusting.

Persons are unable to see deer or humans, for that matter, coming out into the roadways making it much more possible to run over them for the lack of good visibility. We look like a community that doesn't care about our image to the world! Where is our sense of pride in providing a safe community to live in?

Overgrowth of bushes, trees, vines, tall weeds, provide cover for lurking dangers such as thieves and ne'er-do-wells to hide behind and commit all sorts of crimes in the hiding places that these atrocious things would allow. Forget about a thoughtful "neighborhood watch" program from existing in any diligent way out here. One cannot even see a neighbor's yard, let alone his or her driveway or house in many places.

Why does our township governance allow such conditions to exist? Why do our residents? I'm in my mid seventies and I mow my ditches (which are deep, by the way). I pick up litter off the shoulders of the road and in ditches, not only mine, but the nearby neighbors. My family prunes and trims bushes and dead tree branches. Why can't everyone else?

Hell will freeze over before Wayne County does it! Don't hold your breath. Instead, hold saws, pruning loppers, weed wackers, and push mowers – and use them, people. Get off the couch and do something on or near your property. Take charge, take care, take initiative and pride in your community.

Ohio doesn't look like this nor do most communities in Michigan that I've visited. Yes, I know, most people out here like the rural atmosphere in Sumpter, but if I wanted to live in the Amazon jungle I'd move to Brazil or Bolivia.

It's getting downright ridiculous out here. We've lived out here since 1969 and the last 5-10 years have gotten worse and worse and worse and much of these conditions could be corrected by our own citizenry!

Mary Herring, Sumpter Township

Obituaries

Ruth Ann Lowhorn

RUTH ANN LOWHORN

(March 6, 1946 – August 29, 2020)

Ruth Ann Lowhorn, age 74, long-time Van Buren Township resident, passed away Saturday, August 29, 2020 at her home, surrounded by her family. She was born March 6, 1946 in Detroit, MI. She was the daughter of Charles Edward & Sally Delphine (Brown) Whalen. Ruth graduated from Cherry Hill High School, Inkster, Class of 1965. She was the lunchroom supervisor at Haggerty Elementary School for 22 years. She enjoyed shopping and working in the Cracker Barrel Gift Shop, in Belleville, MI, for over 12 years. She also loved traveling, especially up to northern Michigan, and taking day trips and sight-seeing with her family.

Mrs. Lowhorn is survived by her devoted husband of 53 years, Ronnie Gene Lowhorn; five children: Robin (Darrin) Adkins of Wayne, MI, Richard (Tina) Lowhorn of Novi, MI, Regina (John) Byrnes of Wayne, MI, Randy Lowhorn and Ryan Lowhorn, both of Van Buren Township, MI; 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; sister Linda (Michael) Brace and brother Mark (Cari) Whalen, both of St. Helen, MI; also 16 nieces & nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Barbara Brownfield, a grandchild Amanda Lowhorn, and a nephew Jessie Lowhorn.

According to her wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease and would be greatly appreciated.

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Obituaries

Neil Anthony Sampson

NEIL ANTHONY SAMPSON
(December 13, 1989– August 15, 2020)
Mr. Neil Anthony Sampson, 30, of Belleville, Michigan passed away on August 15, 2020. He was born on December 13, 1989 in Ann Arbor, Michigan a son of Gary and Renee Sampson. In late 2013 he started to date Brooklyn Missant. They fell in love and together they had a son whom they named Beau Anthony Sampson.
Neil had been employed by Brose in Huron Twp. He often spoke highly of his co-workers and Training Instructor. He had a very hearty laugh and a very strong, warm hug. He was fast at making friends. He always looked at people's character instead of Race, color, size or shape. He had a way of making you feel at ease or uncomfortable, depending on the situation. His favorite classes in school were History and Geography and he also enjoyed being on the Debate Team. He had a passion for cooking and was interested in pursuing a culinary career. He LOVED chocolate chip cookies and chocolate milk. Neil loved to play hockey and basketball. He spent many summer days at Metro Park playing Hoops. He liked playing and watching football. He liked reading, camping, boating, playing cards and enjoyed singing and listening to music and socializing. Most of all, Neil's favorite thing was being Beau's Dad.
You are missed tremendously, Neil. We send you off with Our LOVE.
Neil is survived by his one and only son Beau Anthony Sampson, beloved fiancee Brooklyn Missant and his loving parents Gary and Renee Sampson. Also survived by his adoring grandmother Hester Mostoller and many aunts, uncles and cousins.
He was preceded in death by his grandparents Thomas and Eleanor Tanner, his uncle Vince Tanner, grandfather Gerald Sampson and his step-grandfather Ronald Mostoller.
Memorial contributions in Neil's name are suggested to either Renee or Gary Sampson, 16750 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111 to provide for the education and necessities of his son Beau Anthony Sampson and would be greatly appreciated.
A memorial service was held at Apple Charlie's in Huron Twp. on August 22, 2020. Arrangements have been entrusted to Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, MI 734-697-9400.
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Forrest Aaron Sampson

FORREST AARON SAMPSON
(March 9, 1992 – August 15, 2020)
Mr. Forrest Aaron Sampson, 28, of Belleville, Michigan passed away on August 15, 2020. He was born on March 9, 1992 in Wayne, Michigan, a son of Gary and Renee Sampson.
Forrest had been employed by L&W Engineering for over 3 years. He was always a happy child. His spirit was high and he was very boisterous. He liked to play around with your mind. He was very smart and witty. He attended Haggerty Elementary, South Middle School and Belleville High School where he graduated in 2010. He played sports in High School mainly Football and Wrestling where he was coached into being an excellent wrestler. He was awarded 5th in State of Michigan Medal in 2010. He was in a LINK program where he mentored freshman coming into High School to help ease their transition. After he graduated High School he also coached and mentored the younger Belleville wrestlers. Forrest attended Washtenaw Community College for two years pursuing Electrical Engineering. His favorite sport was bowling. He also enjoyed canoeing, camping, music, PIZZA and socializing. You are tremendously missed, Forrest, we send you off with OUR LOVE.
Forrest is survived by his loving parents Gary and Renee Sampson, adoring grandmother Hester Mostoller, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.
He was preceded in death by his beloved dog Duke, grandparents Thomas and Eleanor Tanner, his uncle Vince Tanner, grandfather Gerald Sampson and his step-grandfather Ronald Mostoller.
Memorial contributions in Forrest's name are suggested to either Renee or Gary Sampson, 16750 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111 to provide for the education and necessities of his nephew Beau Anthony Sampson and would be greatly appreciated.
A memorial service was held at Apple Charlie's in Huron Twp. on August 22, 2020. Arrangements have been entrusted to Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home. 209 Main St., Belleville, MI 734-697-9400.
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Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, Sept. 8 – VBT Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Sept. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

COVID-19 positive cases in 48111 area rise to 597 from 582 a week ago

The COVID-19 death rate in the 48111 zip code had been 30 since June 22, but then on July 25 one more death was recorded. The coronavirus deaths in the tri-community of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter have remained at 31 since then.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 were 597 on Tuesday, Sept. 1, up from 582 the previous Tuesday, Aug. 25.

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 358 positive cases, 16 deaths; City of Belleville, 170 positive cases, 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 69 positive cases, 1 death.

Obituaries

Patricia Leona Tress

PATRICIA LEONA TRESS
(August 19, 1947 – August 24, 2020)
Patricia Leona Tress, age 73, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away Monday, August 24, 2020 at Ascension St. John Hospital, Detroit, MI. She was born August 19, 1947 in Little Rock, Arkansas, daughter of Robert and Nancy (McLaughlin) Johnson. She graduated High School, Class of 1965. She was a member of Berean Baptist Church, Belleville, MI. She was also a member of Van Buren Eagles #3996 and the Belleville Moose Lodge #934. Patricia loved watching movies, reading and arts & crafts. She liked to paint, sew, make ceramics, and she always donated to animal shelters. More than anything, Patricia loved her family, and family always came first.
She is survived by three sons: James (Simone) Goff of Elkhart, Indiana, Ron (Bridget) Goff and Dave Tress, both of Belleville, MI; her mother Nancy Johnson of Roseville, MI; four siblings: Shirley Martin and Bobby Johnson, both of Roseville, MI, Kenny (Connie) Johnson of Newport, MI and Karol (Jeff) Whitehead of Surprise, Arizona; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father Robert Johnson and a brother-in-law Marvin Martin. Patricia will be missed by all that knew her.
According to her wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue and would be greatly appreciated.
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Frances Jo Storemski

FRANCES JO STOREMSKI
(February 2, 1944 – August 28, 2020)
Frances Jo Storemski, age 76, life-long Ypsilanti Township resident, passed away Friday, August 28, 2020 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born February 2, 1944 in Ann Arbor, MI, daughter of Benedict Joseph & Magdalen (Chie) Storemski.
She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Whittaker, MI. She was an avid reader who enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, cooking chicken paprikash and baking cookies. She loved her family and cherished her cats. She was a social person that would make friends with anyone. She will be missed by all who knew her.
Fran is survived by her brother Benedict (Annette) Storemski of Pinckney, MI; two sisters Nancy (August) Wallman and Pamala (Clarence) Hall, both of Belleville, MI; Goddaughter Lurah Dotte of Evansville, Indiana; Godson Rick Moon of Belleville, MI; best friend from childhood, Katherine Whalen of Belleville, MI; also numerous nephews, nieces, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.
Visitation will be Thursday 5-8 PM and Friday 10-11 AM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500 with a Funeral Friday, September 4, 2020 at 11 AM. She will be interred in Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI.
Memorial contributions may be made to International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, or Huron Valley Humane Society, and would be appreciated.
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William Albert "Willie" Gutierrez

WILLIAM ALBERT GUTIERREZ
(January 13, 1954 – August 22, 2020)
William Albert "Willie" Gutierrez, 66, of Alpena passed away Saturday, August 22, 2020 at MidMichigan Medical Center – Alpena, surrounded by his loving family.
William Albert Gutierrez was born the sixth of twelve children in Belleville on January 13, 1954 to Primitivo and Sarah (Laity) Gutierrez, III. On May 31, 1980 he married Kathleen Coleman. Willie worked as an environmental manager at Phelp Collins Air National Guard Base for 35 years. He enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing, hunting, grilling, and spending time with family. Surviving are his wife, Kathy; daughters, Megan Gutierrez, Anna (Travis) Forshee; 4 grandchildren, Bradley Boucher, Ethan Lafferty, Michael Carlone, Angelo Carlone; his father, Primitivo; 7 sisters and 4 brothers, Kathy Myers, Linda (David) Terwilliger, Gloria Radloff, Deborah "Debbie" McComas, Paul James "Jimmy" (Pam) Gutierrez, Elizabeth "Liz" Patterson, Primitivo "Chacho" (Claudia) Gutierrez, IV, Jeffrey Gutierrez, Deidre Gutierrez, Erin (Bob Blossom) Gutierrez, David Gutierrez; several nieces and nephews.
Mr. Gutierrez was preceded in death by his mother, Sarah Gutierrez.
Visitation took place on Saturday at the Bannan Funeral Home in Alpena from 12 noon until the time of the funeral service at 4 p.m.

Sarah Jean Eichstadt

SARAH JEAN EICHSTADT
(June 17, 1941 – August 26, 2020)
Sarah Jean Eichstadt, age 79, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away peacefully at her home, Wednesday, August 26, 2020, surrounded by family, after a lengthy journey with cancer. She was born June 17, 1941 in Virgie, Kentucky, ninth child of thirteen to William & Anna (Barsuhun) Wegner.
Sarah was a home health aide in Ypsilanti, MI and surrounding communities, for over 15 years. She enjoyed crossword and jigsaw puzzles, loved baking bread and cookies, and also loved following the Detroit Pistons and Tigers.
She is survived by son Michael (Dawn) Stone of Belleville, MI, daughter Karla Anderson of Willis, MI, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Edward Eichstadt on May 23, 1997, also three brothers.
Visitation was 10:30-11:30 AM on Monday, August 31, 2020 with an 11:30 AM Funeral Service. Pastor Dave officiated. Interment was in Arborcrest Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI, at 1 PM, next to her brother Harold Wagner.
Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society and would be appreciated by the family.
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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Sunday, Sept. 6 –** Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville. In a brief ceremony, members of the military, alive and dead, are honored.

• **Monday, Sept. 7 –** Labor Day. The Pandemica Driveway Band will put on a free, one-hour, outdoor show at 2 p.m. at Quirk Park, Van Buren Township, just outside the splash pad.

• **Wednesday, Sept. 9 –** Willow Chicken Supper DRIVE THRU, 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Cost is $12 for adults; $5 for children carry out. Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020

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Correction:

Charges will not be dropped until medical bills paid to victim

There was a story on page 15 in last week's *Independent* that said 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green said two charges would be dropped against the owner of an offending dog, once the dog was destroyed.

Although Jennifer Favot, the owner of the dog who bit Michael Pagel's dog and injured his finger, offered to pay the total of $616.63 in medical costs, Pagel said he has not accepted any remuneration from the offending dog's owner.

Pagel said Favot had offered to pay his bills, but when he learned that the dog was a repeat offender, he changed his mind and decided he was not comfortable with taking any money from her outside of the legal system.

Pagel said Van Buren Township prosecutor Angela Mannarino told him she would not drop the the two charges against Favot – unlicensed dog and dangerous dog -- until he is compensated.

He said Judge Green said she would ask Mannarino to drop the charges, but Mannarino told him that won't happen until Pagel's costs are paid.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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VBT Planners adjourn senior apartments to Sept. 9 meeting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A public hearing on proposed plans for Clover Communities senior housing facility was held via Zoom at the Aug. 26 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission and then adjourned to its Sept. 9 meeting.

No member of the public spoke at the hearing.

The applicant, Clover Communities of Van Buren LLC, is requesting special land use approval for construction of a proposed senior housing facility with 125 independent senior housing units at 8470 Belleville Road.

The property is located on the west side of Belleville Road between Tyler and Ecorse roads and is zoned C-2, Extensive Highway Business. It also is in the Belleville Road Overlay District.

The parcel is about 17.7 acres, which includes the 15.8 acre development site and a 1.9 acre out-parcel along Belleville Road.

Clover had presented a plan with siding instead of the majority of brick/stone as required by ordinance and went to the VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, which rejected that request. The BZA did, however, approve Clover's appeal to be allowed to have more garages than allowed in the ordinance.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, recommended the Aug. 26 public hearing should be opened, but should not be closed so it could be reopened at a future date. At that time the commission may reopen the public hearing and act on the special land use and preliminary site plan requests.

"I'll see you in two weeks with updated plans," said Beth Ernat of Clover Communities.

She said she has had three calls from residents looking to rent apartments and she said she told them it will be two years "before we are built."

In other business at the 33-minute, Zoom meeting, the commission:

• Approved an amendment to the Country Walk site plan to add revised single-family architectural elevations. Brad Gilbert of Gilbert Homes said they have built 12 homes in Country Walk and have 16 more lots for upcoming construction. Power recommended conditional approval with the planning staff reviewing each home site. At issue is if a home is substantially different in architecture than the homes on either side and across the street. Country Walk is located on the east side of Martinsville Road, north of Savage;

• Approved, with conditions, an amendment to the approved Arlene Arbors site plan for revised single-family architectural elevations, also requested by Gilbert Homes. The unfinished Arlene Arbors is located south of Savage Road between Five Points and Martinsville. Power said Gilbert had presented an approval letter from the homeowner association in 2018 and Power wants to make sure that is still active. There will be administrative oversight of these eight sites, as well; and

• Learned the Charter Township of Superior has sent a letter of intent to update its master plan and VBT is invited to comment.

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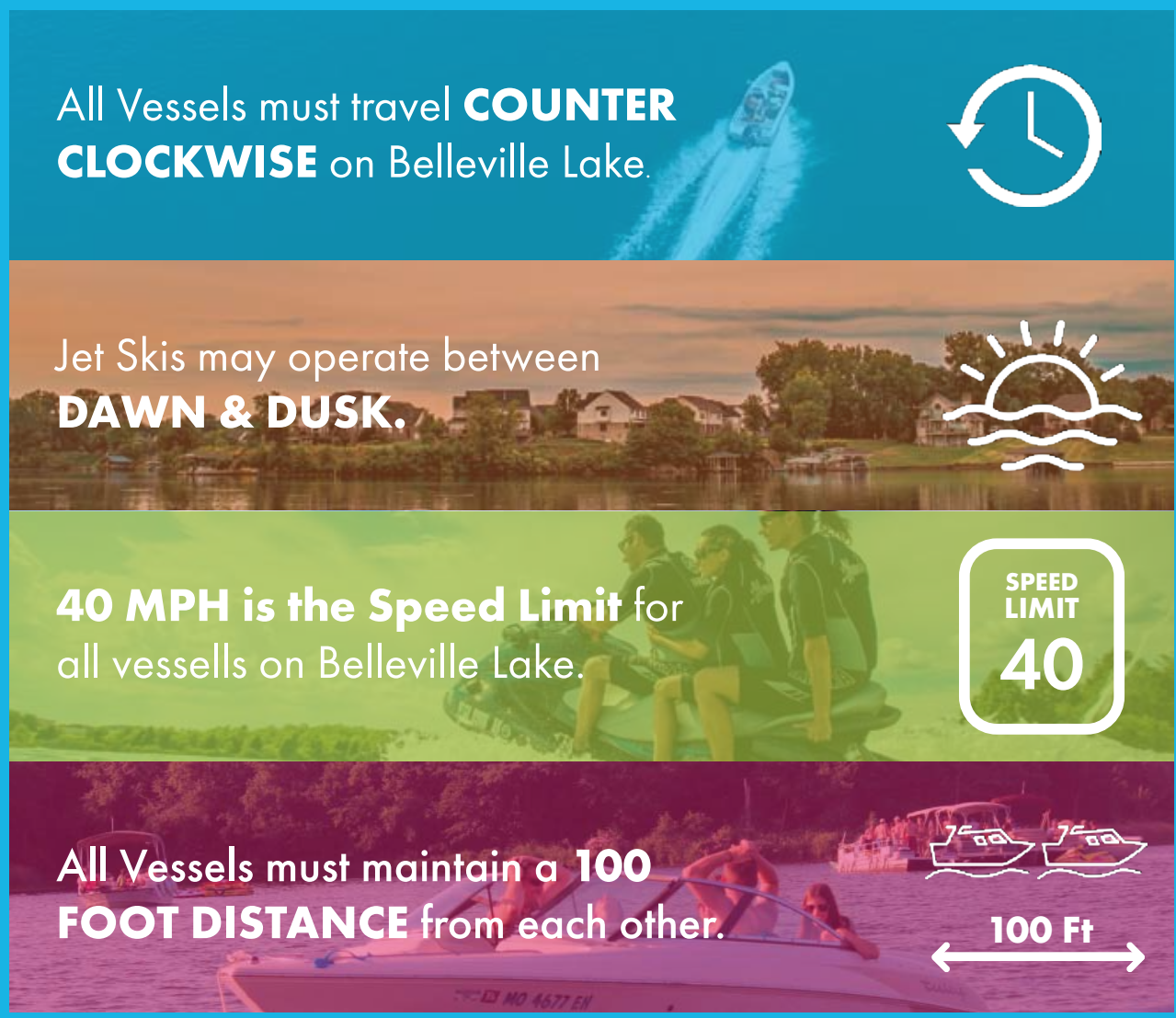

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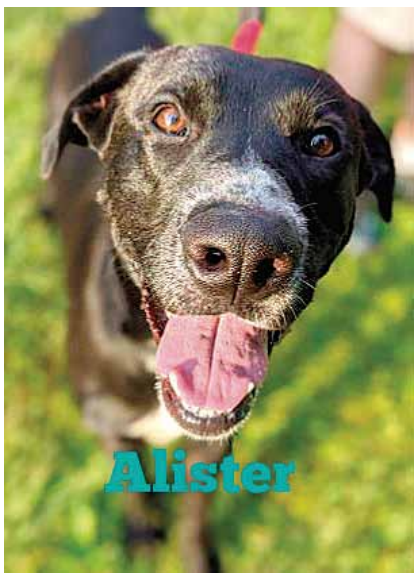

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Zoom Court Watching

Co-defendants have six felony charges each, next court session Sept. 9

On Aug. 8, co-defendants Torrey Rashadd Jeffries, 21, of Ypsilanti and Tyrell Deandre Hooks, 27, of Canton, had their probable cause conferences adjourned until Sept. 9 by 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley because there were six felony charges apiece and the prosecutor reported "excessive discovery" to furnish to the defense attorneys.

Jeffries and Hooks are each charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), and three counts of felony firearm on July 29 in Van Buren Township.

They were being held in the Wayne County Jail on bond of $500,000 cash or surety. If released they must wear GPS tethers and stay away from the victim.

Hooks' retained attorney Ellen Michaels asked for a reduction in bond to $100,000/10%. She said nobody was injured and he lives in Canton. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lori Mireles-Smith said he has a criminal history and a gun was used to commit a crime. She said she would go along with the reduced bond if there was a GPS tether and no contact with the victim.

Judge Oakley did change the bond for Hooks to 10%.

Diddier Saye Mami

Diddier Saye Mami, 35, of Inkster had his Aug. 12 probable cause conference adjourned until Aug. 26 by Judge Green so outstanding discovery could be sent to the defense attorney.

Then, on Aug. 26, the probable cause conference was again adjourned until Sept. 9 because the video just was sent to the defense attorney that morning.

Mami is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence on Jan. 6 in Van Buren Township. He is free on $10,000 personal bond.

Ronald Joseph Webb

Ronald Joseph Webb, 55, of Van Buren Township had his probable cause conference adjourned by Judge Oakley until Sept. 9 because there were videos coming from Van Buren Township police and the rest of the discovery was sent to defense attorney Robert Burton-Harris the night before the Aug. 12 court session.

Webb is charged with home invasion first degree and assault to do great bodily harm less than murder on July 10 in Van Buren Township. He is free on $10,000 personal bond.

Joseph Raymond Cox

Judge Oakley set the live preliminary exam for 1 p.m., Sept. 9, for Joseph Raymond Cox, 37, of Van Buren Township. He is charged with receiving and concealing stolen property worth $20,000 or more and larceny of $20,000 or more on Oct. 31, 2019 in Van Buren Township.

He is free on $2,000 personal bond. His attorney is Kenneth Waldhorn.

Deandre Sherrod Sanders

Deandre Sherrod Sanders, 27, of Wayne, demanded an in-person preliminary exam and it was set for 11 a.m., Sept. 15, by Judge Green.

He is charged with domestic violence – third offense notice and assaulting/ resisting/ obstructing a police officer on March 2 in Van Buren Township. He is free on $5,000 personal

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bond.

Steven Patrick Murray

Steven Patrick Murray, 57, of Wayne had his probable cause conference adjourned for discovery until Sept. 9 by Judge Oakley.

Murray is charged with carrying a concealed weapon and driving while license suspended/let suspended person operate on July 14 in Van Buren Township. He is free on $10,000 personal bond.

Curtis Martin Riddle

Curtis Martin Riddle, 54, of Van Buren Township had his probable cause conference set for Aug. 12, but he did not appear. Court appointed attorney Mike Carter said his office has never been able to get in touch with him and closed the case. Judge Oakley said the court will send him a letter if they can find an address and if that doesn't work, he will sign a bench warrant for his arrest.

Riddle is charged with operating while intoxicated/controlled substance – third offense and operating while intoxicated on April 28 in Van Buren Township. He was free on $10,000 personal bond.

Norman Ladale Johnson

Norman Ladale Johnson, 31, of Willis, had his live preliminary exam set for 3 p.m., Sept. 23. He is charged with assault with intent to murder, home invasion first degree, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and felonious assault on May 16 in Sumpter Township.

At the request of defense attorney Murray Duncan, Judge Oakley changed Johnson's GPS tether to have no time restraints and to be for tracking only.

His bond had been set at $50,000/10% and there was to be no contact with the victim and a tether must be worn.

Prosecutor Mireles-Smith said the defendant had a history of failure to appear.

Michael David Woody

Michael David Woody, 39, of Sumpter Township, had his probable cause conference adjourned until Aug. 26, by Judge Oakley for discovery. Then, on Aug. 26 Judge Oakley adjourned until Sept. 16, again because the defense needed more discovery.

Woody is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and malicious destruction of personal property in value from $200 to $1,000 on March 19 in Van Buren Township. His bond is $20,000/10%.

Kelly Gene Hamilton

Kelly Gene Hamilton of Van Buren Township had his probable cause conference adjourned to a new date by Judge Oakley because his new attorney David Loeckner needed discovery. It was set for Sept. 2 at 9:10 a.m.

Hamilton is charged with domestic violence – third offense notice on Aug. 8 in Van Buren Township. He is free on $5,000 personal bond and had told the court he was scheduled for treatment at St. Joseph Hospital on Sept. 22.

Johnnie Lee Goodman

Johnnie Lee Goodman, 29, of Van Buren Township was not present for his Aug. 19 probable cause conference before Judge Green for two files and needed to be arraigned on a new charge of criminal sexual conduct – fourth degree – on July 10 in Van Buren Township.

Defense attorney Nancy Richards from the Neighborhood Defense Service said Goodman has a guardian and has been found incompetent in two jurisdictions.

Judge Green said they should get that report and get it to the county so it can move for civil commitment. She adjourned his appearance three weeks, until Sept. 9, for his arraignment on the new charge and his probable cause conference for the old charges – assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer and domestic violence on March 23 in Van Buren Township.

Todd Patrick McMillian

Todd Patrick McMillian, 47, of Van Buren Township will have a preliminary exam at 9:30 p.m., Aug. 31, with his defense attorney Patrick Nyenhuis live at the courthouse and McMillian participating by Zoom from the Michigan Department of Corrections where he is incarcerated.

McMillian is charged with operating while intoxicated – 3rd and having a blood alcohol content of more than .17 on April 14, 2018 in Van Buren Township.

Christopher Gerald Mills

Christopher Gerald Mills, 34, of Romulus was scheduled for sentencing via Zoom on Aug. 19 before Judge Green for a charge of guilty of operating while visibly impaired, reduced from a charge of operating while intoxicated. This occurred on Jan. 20 in Van Buren Township.

His retained attorney was William Maze.

Samuel Stephens

Samuel Stephens, 30, of Ann Arbor was due for his Aug. 19 probable cause conference on a charge of unarmed robbery on Sept. 23, 2019 in Van Buren Township.

His defense attorney Brandy Robinson from the Neighborhood Defense Service said Stephens was just getting back to taking medications when he had his competency exam and the results were skewed. She asked to re-refer him now for an exam since he is back on his medications.

"I think it's a good idea," said Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lori Mireles-Smith.

Judge Green said she will re-refer him for the exam to determine competency and responsibility and wait to set the new court date after the results come back.

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assisted living and memory care units at the corner of Morton Taylor and Tyler roads.

The project will have 56 assisted living units and 24 memory care units, for 80 units total. The project on 7.11 acres will have 50 parking spaces, storm water detention, facebrick foundation and stonebrick siding.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said the storm water detention plan is being reviewed by the county and the whole thing is "a fully reviewed project."

Rick Williams, who has property on Tyler Road that floods when the county drain is blocked, said the water issues need to be worked out before anything moves forward.

He said Speedway stormwater was put underneath Tyler Road and into the south ditch and now the water comes to the south side where he is located.

Matthew Best, director of public services, said this will be better discussed at the planning commission when the site plan is approved. He said water from that site went to the roadside drain and should not have impact on the McClarey Drain. Best said he talked to the county and it is aware the McClarey Drain has issues and the roadside drain has issues.

"When we get the reply from the county, we'll have a better idea on the drain," said Treasurer Sharry Budd. "This is a much-needed facility for Van Buren Township."

Trustee Paul White asked about elevators for the second floor and was told it is one story. He also wondered if there was enough parking for the handicapped. He asked to delay the vote until the board has a better idea of what's going on in there.

Treasurer Budd, who serves on the planning commission, said three commission members traveled to three of the Hampton Manors, including the newest one in Brighton which is like the one that will be in Van Buren Township. She said they have a movie theater, putting green, transportation and anything they needed.

Trustee Reggie Miller said she is disappointed there is no independent living that would phase into the assisted living.

"This is their specialty," Best said. "This is what they do."

"All had kitchenettes for those who are more independent," Budd said.

The project now goes back to the planning commission for site plan approvals.

In other business at the one-hour-and-15-minute meeting, the board:

• Unanimously approved Resolution 2020-15 GLWA Concurring Resolution of the Industrial Pretreatment Program rules, updating pre-treatment of industrial waste entering the water resource recovery facility having to do with regulation of PFAS compounds. Water and Sewer Director Jim Taylor said this is a housekeeping item and all members of the GLWA communities in Oakland, Wayne, Monroe, and Macomb counties are required by the EPA to sign the rules. This does not impact any charges or fees presently paid by VBT for sanitary collection service to GLWA;

• Unanimously approved the intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County for a park grant of $35,835 for continued work to French Landing Park. Last year, the township got $120,000 in county park grants and demolished the unsafe playground and cleared some brush. Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the whole project is over $1 million. "French Landing Park is in the worst condition of all the parks and an eyesore of a park," Supervisor McNamara said. The new funds will help with new seating areas and just make it a better park, he said. The grants from the county for this work now total $150,000, he said. He said they are trying to get some native plants there, "But I don't want milkweeds." Trustee Miller pointed out, "It brings the Monarchs." Supervisor McNamara replied, "We want a beautiful park to bring visitors," noting they've been working on the park for three years;

• Heard the late Egypt Covington's brother D'Wayne Turner complain about comments made by Trustee White and Clerk Leon Wright elsewhere. He said White said it is not the township board's role to help find Egypt's killer. Turner also asked for Wright to resign for a comment he made in writing. Turner said there would be a demonstration the next night calling for the resignation. White said board members cannot get involved in public safety issues, "Our duties are limited," White said. "It is not our job as trustees to go into departments and tell them what to do… The supervisor is in charge of everything in the township … The trustees do financial reviews and discussing motions." Turner said he wants the investigation into his sister's murder turned completely over to the Michigan State Police. Supervisor McNamara said the board does not comment on active investigations. He said the MSP has 100% of the file, as does the Wayne County Prosecutor's office and they are working with the township. "We are not moving it to a basement with 25 other cases," he said. "We are not going to let the case go cold … It's active … No, we are not giving this thing up." Lindsay Ann Brink joined the discussion saying, "What you are hearing is not the truth …You don't believe anything D'Wayne and I say … We have the proof … You choose to believe your public safety director … You know this is not a fact." Trustee Sherry Frazier pressed the township to turn over the investigation to the MSP and tried to make a motion. McNamara would not allow that, saying this is a management issue and, "That's why we have professionals." Clerk Wright said he posted a statement to social media and he read an apology. He said he would go along with whatever the board decides.

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VBT BZA grants variance for garages, but denies siding variance

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals unanimously approved a variance to allow extra garages for the new senior housing on Belleville Road, and unanimously rejected a variance to use mostly siding instead of brick or stone.

This was at its Aug. 11 Zoom meeting.

Under the township's assessory building requirements, the maximum detached accessory buildings on any lot shall be 4,800 square feet and Clover Communities Van Buren LCC asked for 9,600 square feet of total detached accessory building area, which was approved.

The request for a variance to architectural standards of unpainted red brick, brown brick, natural stone or similar high-quality materials the primary building was denied. Clover wanted to use hardieplank siding for about 70% of the building façade.

Beth Ernat of Clover Communities said she would bring back a revision to the township.

Director of Public Service Matt Best told Ernat that Dan Power and Vidya Krishnan will bring Clover through the next steps, "So you can get your senior housing up and running."

Power is director of planning and economic development and Krishnan, of McKenna Associates, is planning consultant.

During the one-hour-and-12-minute meeting, Ernat explained plans for the independent living for seniors, aged 55 and up, at 8740 Belleville Rd. on the west side of Belleville near Robson Road.

Ernat said "Mr. Joseph" is the only owner of the development and the company acts as general contractor and holds the property long-term as property management. None of his communities have ever been sold, she said. The business started in mid 1989.

She said they have no government subsidy and HUD allows them to operate with the 55-and-up limit, with few exceptions. Ernat said the residents are mainly retired people so there is not a mass exodus from the buildings every morning.

She said Clover pays full property taxes and they offer no dining or health care. The buildings are TV monitored and controlled. They have elevators, an indoor mail system, and every unit has a laundry, kitchen, and bathroom.

She said there will be 125 units in the three-story building, with 40 garages and 118 surface parking spaces. Offered are two bedrooms and one bath and two bedrooms with a bath and a half.

The two acres that front along Belleville Road will be retained for commercial development.

Average rent for a two-bedroom unit would be $1,300 a month, including all utilities. She said a person could sell his or her home and live at Clover for ten years without any other money.

Ernat said having to have stone or brick increases Clover's cost and affects what the rent would be.

Ernat had worked with the township to get zoning for senior independent living, which was recently added to the zoning ordinance.

She said Clover wouldn't be creating a precedent with the siding. The project is 400' behind the Belleville Road corridor and very similar to Westlake.

"To go from 30% stone to 90% brick and stone raises our cost 300%," she said.

Ernat said the 40 garages is the "magic number" of those residents who want inside parking.

Nicole Butzin variance request

At its 30-minute, July 14 Zoom meeting, the BZA held a public hearing during which no one spoke and then considered the variance request of Nicole Butzin, 17160 Renton Rd.

Butzin had asked for a variance from the township ordinance that requires detached accessory buildings to be located in the rear or side yard. She proposed a 30'x40' detached accessory building in the front yard.

Director Power said this request was for a flag lot. It is zoned AG, with standards similar to residential districts. The proposed building would be in front, slightly to the side of the principle building.

Director Power said based on the definitions of the front yard and side yard spelled out in the zoning ordinance, when the yard is not rectangular, the side lot lines are actually everything except for the front lot line and the rear lot line. This would put the accessory building in the side yard, as opposed to the front yard, which is

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **September 23, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.** Pursuant to the State of Michigan Governor's Executive Orders, this hearing will take place electronically due to health concerns associated with COVID-19. The Planning Commission will consider the following zoning ordinance amendments:

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments: Proposed amendments that would allow and create regulations for single-family detached dwellings at a density of 6-7 units per acre as a permitted land use by right in the RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District. The amendments will include updates to Sections 2.102 – Definitions, 3.104 – Permitted Uses by District, 3.107 – RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District, and 4.102 – Schedule of Regulations.

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org beginning **September 18, 2020.** On this website, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting,** including a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page (www.vanburen-mi.org). Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org by **Noon, Tuesday, September 22, 2020,** which is the day before the meeting. Members of the public may also contact dpower@vanburen-mi.org to be connected with members of the Planning Commission prior to the meeting by e-mail.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

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Sumpter Twp.

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meeting room.

Rush said the township traditionally allows people to take pictures of the election tape at all elections for as long as he can remember.

"This is happening at all the precincts," he stated.

After the surveillance tape was run, Deputy Clerk Burdick ran the body-cam tape made when Police Officer Christopher Herrick responded to Clark's 911 call. It showed him questioning Clark and Precinct 5 chairwoman Irene Woodell.

Woodell said she has done this for 8-10 years and she said she was told it's OK for him to take a picture. "I usually hang it on the wall," she said.

"No one touches the tabulator. It's illegal… That's why they keep hiring me, because I do it right," she said.

Rush had the tape stopped and went on with his verbal statement.

"I never moved the tabulator in the hallway. I never touched the tabulator. I never took the tape. …This has been designed to damage my reputation," Rush said.

He then complained about Jim Clark's letter to the editor and the one written by Ronald Barrington Robinson, both published in the *Independent*.

Supervisor John Morgan, also running for reelection, praised Rush.

"We all love you because we know what you've done … Hold your head high," he said, and the meeting room audience of more than 20 applauded.

Trustee Matthew Oddy, also running for reelection, apologized to Hurst and Rush for what they were going through. When he was through, the audience applauded again.

At the beginning of the meeting, Supervisor Morgan issued a statement, saying there was an unfortunate incident at the last meeting and this is a business meeting of a township board to keep the public informed and is not a question-and-answer forum. The public may give comments for three minutes, he said.

Morgan said at the last meeting there was a disruption and the speaker was given one admonition and then asked to leave. (He referred to Eric Partridge's questions about where they were posting the call for bids for township projects. He said he has looked online at the township's new newspaper of record and cannot find the postings anywhere.)

"The key word is 'respect'," Morgan said. "I hope he hears this through his mask … I would like an orderly meeting. Outbursts are totally unacceptable."

In other business at the one-hour-and-13-minute meetings, the board:

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Mary Sherwood to the planning commission with a term to expire Sept. 23, 2023;
- Approved the supervisor's appointment of Vincent Warren to the Board of Review with a term to expire Jan. 1, 2022;
- Approved the planning commission's recommendation for special land use of 23560 Sumpter Rd. to be utilized as a Large Adult Foster Care Facility for up to 20 residents. Applicant was Gina Freeman of Judd Road who told the board that the present use of the building houses mentally ill, who could wander off into nearby yards, but the new facility will not have mentally ill, but will house seniors, Alzheimer patients, and the handicapped and it will have 24-hour supervision and residents cannot leave the building. She said she expects the renovated building to be open in the spring. "We have to work on it to make it beautiful and cute," she said;
- Approved purchase of six prep radios for the fire department at a cost not to exceed $13,323, as required in the union contract for a radio to be in each seat of a fire vehicle so each fire fighter has a radio;
- Approved moving Donna Stewart from an alternate Parks and Recreation Commission position to a full-time Parks and Recreation position;
- Heard Trustee Don Swinson announce the Parks and Recreation Commission is canceling all events it sponsors until further notice and since only ten people are allowed in indoor meetings, there will be no commission meetings until the first of the year. He said the last meeting of the commission was outside at Graham Park;
- Heard Mary Sherwood say she worked at Precinct 5 and is sorry and sick that their integrity has been impugned. The people of Sumpter Township are not country bumpkins, she said. "We know how to do an election. We have one goal only to give you a perfect election every time. … We were expecting Mr. Rush. We were told at our training he would be coming." She said the only problem was he came early and the tape had not yet been taped to the wall for him to take his picture. "We had a perfect election … I just wanted to speak for the election people in case the public thinks we don't know how to run an election." Applause followed her remarks;
- Heard Mary Ban commend the board for bringing the issue out in the open and, "The truth shall reign." She said people will see the disparaging things said over the years were trying to sow disunity. She said this shows how important the elections process is. She also noted the high brush is still around, especially at Willow and Sherwood roads. She thanked Trustee Rush and DPW Chief Ken Kinkle for painting the yellow line on the cement incline by the back door. She also said the Bake Shoppe was told about 15 years ago that sewers were coming to them. Ban also said she doesn't believe in the mail-in voting system because there is "too much chance for fraud";
- Heard Sharon Pokerwinski say she was scheduled to work as an Absentee Vote counter on Aug. 4, but there were people on Facebook who thought she shouldn't be counting because she supported the incumbents. She said she stayed home on election day and didn't count at all; and
- Heard Trustee Don LaPorte say years ago Ford Motor Co. gave him election day

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VBT BZA

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following the zoning ordinance.

Power said the township is requesting the BZA remove this request from consideration as a variance request and refer it back to staff to review administratively.

Director Best said that without the specific definitions of yard areas and lot width laid out in the zoning ordinance, it would be very difficult to develop these unique flag lots with an accessory structure.

Best said Director Power's and the staff's interpretation, after extensive review, "is right on the money."

"Affirmation from the BZA on this interpretation is the clarification needed to give the applicant the ability to move forward on her project without a variance," Best said.

The BZA voted unanimously to remove the case from its agenda and turn it over to the staff for review.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

2:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

VIA ZOOM MEETING ID: 91797016377

Zoom Link: Https://zoom.us/j/91797016377

For details on how to joining and/or participate in the meeting please see the agenda at vanburen-mi.org

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice by calling the Clerk's Office 734.699.8909.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 at 10:30 a.m., at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

1989 CHEVROLET, GMT-400, VIN: 1GCDC14K1KE112760
1997 CADILLAC, ELDORADO, VIN: 1G6ET1292VU611116

DATE: AUGUST 31, 2020
PUBLISH: SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET
BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

To build a better world, start in your own community!

Minding Your Business

with Bob Mytych

I ran into Mike Foley on Monday at Sam's Restaurant and he's doing quite well, despite another cycle of chemo that he just started. He said the cancer is gone in a couple of areas and they're targeting one more spot. The worst thing about it all, he said, is his energy, as he gets tired really fast. Business at Frosty Boy is better than ever, he said. The community always supported him on Main Street and now it supports him as a man on a mission to get rid of his illness. He's determined to get there, too. Prayers to you, Mike. You got this. We're all thinking about you.

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Air Temperature Control, Inc. of Belleville is a local contractor servicing the tri-community with heating and cooling, professional air duct cleaning, installation of hardwired generators, and much more. Owner Christopher Lewis and his technicians have more than 100 years of combined experience and right now they're offering a furnace clean and check for $79.95. New furnace systems come with a free humidifier and a whole house air cleaner system with any furnace purchase and air package. Call (734) 697-8288 for details and see their ad in today's paper. The company offers financing, too, along with 24/7 emergency services and a 10-year parts warranty on new systems. Check them out on Facebook and visit www.atcheatingandcooling.com .

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I just learned that Bryan Wiese, owner-operator of Wiese's Lawn Care of Belleville had a heart attack this past Monday night and passed away. The news and a picture of Bryan was posted on Tony's Coney & Grill's (New Boston) Facebook page on Tuesday morning, a few hours before newspaper deadline. We'll have more details next week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Cindy and family.

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Calling All Artists. Details are emerging for what will be the 11th-Annual Community Art Show, virtual edition, scheduled for online launching on Nov. 6. Entry forms will be available at Sumpter Township Hall, Belleville Library, and here at the *Independent* office on Main Street once we get them. Cash prizes, from $25-$200, will be awarded in four categories: 3-D / Up-cycled, 2-D, Photography, and Children Ages 6-16. Entries and fees will be due no later than Oct. 18. Once BACA's website is updated, the apps will be available there at www.bacaart.org . We'll give you more details as soon as we get them.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your idea. There is no cost to be in this column.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Friday August 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Reenactment of Regular City Council Meeting
of August 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
As Required by the O.M.A.
Minutes

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at ~~7:30 p.m.~~ 10:00 a.m. via Zoom teleconference.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

	August 3, 2020	August 7, 2020
Council Member Voigt	Present	Present
Council Member Bates	Present	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Present	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present	Present
Mayor Conley	Present	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. PRESENTATIONS of 8-3-20

1. Chief Robinson announced that Belleville will be participating in Operation Safe Streets August 17th – 28th. This initiative is a combined effort between regional law enforcement partners in the Metropolitan Detroit area with the goal being to proactively enhance traffic safety and reduce vehicle-related criminal activity through targeted enforcement of traffic laws. Operation Safe Streets combines a high-visibility, uniformed, law enforcement presence with selective traffic enforcement in known problem areas within each participating jurisdiction. Traffic stops conducted by participating agencies will be the starting point for street investigations with the goal of recovering illegal weapons, apprehending fugitives, disrupting the travel patterns of criminals moving between jurisdictions, and to improve the overall quality of life for our area residents and businesses. As of July 29, there have been 522 traffic-related deaths in the State of Michigan and a recognized uptick in violent crimes in southeast Michigan. Additionally, there has been a significant increase in the number of illegal firearms that officers have recovered in our communities compared to previous years. Since most retail businesses have reopened after closures from COVID-related executive orders, the occurrence of retail thefts have been increasing as well. It is expected that some schools may be back in session in the coming weeks as normally scheduled, and the enforcement efforts of this operation will also target school zones and surrounding neighborhoods.

2. City Manager Kobylarz read a letter from Van Buren Township Supervisor, Kevin McNamara, thanking Mayor Conley and the City of Belleville's Police Department for their collaboration during a recent peaceful protest held in their community.

B. COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP LIST

8-3-20 - Council Member Bates asked that we add the removal of the Pine Tree at the Belleville Bridge to the follow-up list and would like an update on the dead trees at the DPS yard.

8-3-20 - Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte asked that we add Council Compensation and City Charter revisions to the follow-up list.

8-7-20 - NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS

8-3-20 – NONE

8-7-20 - NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY VOIGT, SECOND BY MARCOTTE TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMMENDED NOTING THE DELETION OF ITEM #8C, SPECIAL EVENT AND THE ADDITION OF ITEM OF #8D, COUNCIL MEMBER COMPENSATION

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY VOIGT, SECOND BY MARCOTTE TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 20, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - NONE

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. MOTION BY VOIGT, SECOND BY MARCOTTE TO APPROVE **RESOLUTION NO. 20-060** SIX (6) MONTH EXTENSION OF CURRENT CONTRACT FOR CITY MANAGER, TRACEY SCHULTZ KOBYLARZ.

AYES:FIELDER, VOIGT, MARCOTTE, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

B. MOTION BY VOIGT, SECOND BY MARCOTTE TO APPROVE **RESOLUTION NO. 20-061** MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS PRESENTED:

1. PLANNING COMMISSION TERMS ENDING 12/31/22:
JOHN JURIGA, STEVE JONES, RANDY PRIEST

2. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION TERM ENDING 12/31/22:
COUNCIL MEMBER FIELDER

3. DDA TERM ENDING 12/31/23:
MAYOR CONLEY (Formality only, appointment guaranteed by DDA Charter)

4. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TERM ENDING 5/31/26:
JACQUELINE SCHANK-ULCH

5. CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS TERMS ENDING 12-31-21:
BOB MCCRAIGHT, JOHN HENNESSEY

AYES:FIELDER, VOIGT, MARCOTTE, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

C. MOTION BY VOIGT, SECOND BY MARCOTTE OF **RESOLUTION NO. 20-062** TO DENY A RESOLUTION INITIATING OF CITY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MARIHUANA BUSINESSES AND TO INSTRUCT CITY CLERK TO PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO PLACE THE QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT.

AYES:VOIGT, MARCOTTE, FIELDER, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

D. MOTION BY VOIGT, SECOND BY MARCOTTE OF **RESOLUTION NO. 20-063** TO DENY A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER BY ADDING REGULATIONS FOR MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND TO INSTRUCT THE CITY CLERK TO PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO PLACE THE QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT.

AYES:FIELDER, VOIGT, MARCOTTE, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

E. MOTION BY VOIGT, SECOND BY MARCOTTE TO APPROVE **RESOLUTION NO. 20-064** TO CREATE A CHARTER AMENDMENT AND ELIMINATE COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

AYES: VOIGT, MARCOTTE
NAYS: FIELDER, CONLEY

MOTION FAILED

9. MOTION BY MARCOTTE, SECOND BY VOIGT TO APPROVE **RESOLUTION NO. 20-065** ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES FOR $72,694.22 AND THE FOLLOWING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF $500.00:

TNT Tree Service $1700.00

AYES: FIELDER, VOIGT, MARCOTTE, BATES, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

10. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

City Manager Kobylarz thanked the Council Members for the accolades given to her and the Chief regarding Nixel and clarified the thanks should go to Officer Schrecengost and Director Rutherford for putting the tool to use.

John Juriga asked to have emergency sirens reconfigured with automatic resets so that they do not sound off when there is a power issue. He also asked for yield signs to be placed at 5 Points because of careless drivers.

Mike Renaud apologized for his exuberance and tonight's meeting and thanked City Manager Kobylarz for her temperament over the last six months.

Patricia Myles inquired as to what action the Council will take regarding the statue of LaSalle that is placed in Victory Park.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY VOIGT, SECOND BY FIELDER to adjourn at 10:12 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Schultz Kobylarz
Interim City Manager
Published: September 3, 2020

I-94 gets repair as lanes closed between Haggerty and Rawsonville roads

Last week end, lanes on I-94 between Haggerty and Rawsonville roads were closed for repair.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, westbound I-94 had only the left lane open from Belleville Road to Rawsonville Road. The exit ramps to and from Rawsonville Road were also closed. Normal traffic resumed at 5 a.m. Monday.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is continuing to repair eastbound and westbound I-94 in western Wayne County.

Work has included overnight and weekend lane closures. Last weekend's work from Haggerty Road to Rawsonville Road also involved closing the Belleville Rest Area.

As part of the I-94 work, crews performed concrete repairs at the rest area.

The MDOT said the concrete pavement repairs will provide a smoother and safer ride for drivers.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 356 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.

Sunday, Aug. 23:
0107 – domestic, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
0744 – assist other dept., Zachary St.
0855 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
0916 – family trouble, Locust Dr.
1207 – malicious destruction of property, Savage
1311 – family trouble, Lighthouse Dr.
1348 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1524 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1647 – fraud, McBride Ave.
1936 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
2140 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
2150 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Bemis Rd.
2226 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
2245 – suspicious person/vehicle, Water's Edge
2259 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria St.
2302 – suicidal person, McKinley

Monday, Aug. 24:
0028 – neighbor trouble, Victoria St.
0324 – suspicious person/vehicle, rest area
0652 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0815 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1117 – fraud, Hull Rd.
1125 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1138 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1140 – malicious destruction, Savage Rd.
1214 – suspicious person/vehicle, Assembly St.
1217 – fraud, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1439 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maurice Dr.
1524 – found property/child, Rawsonville Rd.
1535 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1631 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1735 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1736 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1815 – neighbor trouble, Victoria St.
1911 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.
1916 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1945 – fraud, Ecorse
2006 – suicidal person, Denton Rd.
2015 – neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.
2020 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2023 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rose Blvd.
2123 – assist other dept., Wildbrook Dr.
2127 – weapons violation, Brandi Dr.
2207 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Water's Edge Ln.

Tuesday, Aug. 25:
0028 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Center Dr.
0123 – animal complaint, Victoria St.
0141 – family trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0648 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Archwood Dr.
0723 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
1046 – breaking & entering, Park Estates Dr.
1403 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1423 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1602 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1638 – domestic, Arthur St.
1645 – fraud, Hanover Dr.
1724 – larceny, Brookside Dr.
2041 – family trouble, Lake Crest Dr.
2158 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
2339 – breaking & entering, Pine Dr.
2349 – missing person, Lake Villa Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 26:
0027 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0144 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0651 – missing person, Savage Rd.
0839 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
0843 – civil matter, E. Schooner Dr.
0848 – assist other dept., Van Born/Hannan Rd.
0959 – disorderly, Peachtree Ln.
1112 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1157 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1227 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1243 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1325 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1438 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1642 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fairfield Dr.
1716 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1731 – suicidal person, Dewitt Rd.
1905 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
1921 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2028 – domestic, Locust Dr.
2129 – noise complaint, Revere Dr.
2225 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 27:
0711 – threat, Parkwood
0901 – larceny, Maple Dr.
0912 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1051 – ordinance violation, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1136 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1157 – suspicious person/vehicle, Christina Ln.
1417 – traffic offense, Fret Rd.
1446 – larceny, Hull Rd.
1601 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
1604 – unattended death, Cherry Ln.
1656 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2113 – follow up by officer, Pine Dr.
2118 – malicious destruction, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2349 – domestic, Denton Rd.

Friday, Aug. 28:
0322 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
0546 – suspicious person/vehicle, WB Michigan Ave. / bypass
1002 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.
1052 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood
1141 – lost property/child, Borgman Ave.
1200 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1209 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1230 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1303 – family trouble, Belleville Rd.
1406 – threat, Ecorse Rd.
1447 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1650 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1648 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Independence
1702 – harassment call, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1852 – traffic offense, McBride Ave.
1904 – felony assault, Denton Rd.
1930 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1936 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd.
2018 – traffic offense, N. I-275/Ecorse Rd.
2210 – noise complaint, Lake Point Blvd.
2239 – fight, Parkwood Dr.

Saturday, Aug. 29:
0140 – K-9 call out, Michigan Ave./Dellor St.
0342 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
0726 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0814 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0835 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0848 – larceny, Elwell Rd.
0900 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
1151 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1157 – lost property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1210 – harassment call, Leon Dr.
1252 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Hannan Rd.
1304 – suspicious person/vehicle, Daisy Blvd.
1324 – domestic, Outer Dr.
1359 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1621 – larceny from auto, Senate St.
1839 – suicidal person, Martz Rd.
1920 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1951 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2058 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur St. / Buchanan St.
2352 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan/I-275

Also on this week's log are 138 traffic stops, 69 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 23:
0716 – domestic, Carmell St.
0833 – suicidal person, Loza Ln.
2256 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.

Monday, Aug. 24:
0505 – domestic, Carmell St.
0605 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1737 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
2106 – larceny, N. Aberdeen Ct.

Tuesday, Aug. 25:
0932 – civil matter, W. Davis St.
1319 – traffic offense, Henry
1403 – disorderly, Main St.
1600 – civil matter, Biggs Ave.

Wednesday, Aug. 26:
0904 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
1421 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1705 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
2251 – hospice death, W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Aug. 27:
0640 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
0829 – traffic offense, Angola/Madelon
0959 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1251 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
1252 – threat, Potter Dr.
1251 – disorderly, Robbe St.
1507 – abandoned auto, Main St.
1553 – road hazard, Main St./N. Liberty
1620 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
2027 – assist citizen, Church St.
2100 – neighbor trouble, main St.
2110 – assist citizen, Belleville/Harmony
2226 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Friday, Aug. 28:
1029 – traffic offense, Main/Third
1038 – traffic offense, Belleville/Quirk
1210 – breaking & entering, San Carlos St.
1416 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1436 – fight, Astor Pl.
2330 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Saturday, Aug. 29:
0019 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0045 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont
0429 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church St.
1345 – noise complaint, Carmell St.
1353 – assault & battery, Wexford Ave.
1433 – welfare check, Savage & tracks
1804 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
2128 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa/Sumpter
2344 – noise complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

Also on this week's log are 27 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 23:
0003 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0006 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
0010 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
0144 – suspicious circumstances, Wayside Dr.
0344 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0426 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
0722 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1108 – careless driving, Rustic Ln./Rustic Ln.
1650 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1722 – suspicious circumstances, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2333 – civil matter, Wayside Dr.
2349 – 911 hang up, Wayside Dr.
2357 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Monday, Aug. 24:
0053 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0426 – civil matter, Timberlane Dr.
0802 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1007 – identity theft complaint, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1045 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1141 – malicious destruction of property, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1246 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1414 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1536 – property damage accident, Judd Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
1558 – death investigation, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
1819 – ORV complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1844 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2035 – ORV complaint, 48000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
2136 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 25:
0047 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0128 – welfare check, Sherwood Rd./Arkona Rd.
0602 – property damage accident, Savage/Bemis
0607 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0756 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
0813 – suspicious circumstances, 43000 bl. Judd
0820 – juvenile complaint, Creekside Dr.
0843 – property damage accident, Oregon St.
1207 – suspicious person, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
1246 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1301 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1341 – traffic complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1426 – animal complaint, Delaware St.
1448 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1639 – suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1715 – malicious destruction of property, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1920 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
2225 – fire dept. assist, Rusic Ln.

Wednesday, Aug. 26:
0147 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0622 – traffic complaint, Country Club Blvd. / Knollwood Dr.
1014 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1113 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1236 – follow-up investigation, Creekside Dr.
1349 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 27:
0845 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1052 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1222 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1431 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1656 – alarm, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1952 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
2025 – traffic complaint, Martinsville/Dunn
2258 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
2342 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Friday, Aug. 28:
0245 – fire dept. assist, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz
0804 – fire dept. assist, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz
0830 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1119 – follow-up investigation, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1212 – suspicious circumstances, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1229 – neighbor complaint, Country Club
1335 – 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1343 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1345 – traffic complaint, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1356 – death investigation, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1428 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1434 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1455 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1521 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1538 – traffic complaint, Lohr Rd./Harris Rd.
1544 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1622 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1657 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1716 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1728 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
1829 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2021 – neighbor complaint, Country Club Blvd.
2052 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
2133 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
2345 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2351 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 29:
0039 – suspicious circumstances, Redwood St.
0145 – fire dept. assist, Bemis/Sumpter
0556 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
0816 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0834 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1350 – civil matter, Timberlane Dr.
1403 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1502 – suspicious person, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1556 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1738 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1756 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1806 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1807 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1902 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1939 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1959 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2220 – citizen assist, Willow Rd./Elwell Rd.
2305 – noise complaint, Mulberry Dr.
2357 – follow-up investigation, out of township

Also on this week's log are 40 patrol checks, five traffic stops, and two misc. details.

Sumpter Twp.

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off with pay and he worked the polls. "I got educated at the polls. We followed protocol to the letter." He said the polls were opened with the call out, "Hear ye, hear ye," which surprised him. "I learned a lot about the process." He suggested people volunteer their day at the polls to see how everything works. "See how organized they are and how passionate they are to get it right," Trustee LaPorte said.

The video recording of the Aug. 25 meeting is available on the Sumpter Township web site.

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Documents will be available for viewing on **August 25, 2020**. Any questions, contact Kyle Oberdorf, Granger Construction Project Manager at: koberdorf@grangerconstruction.com or Taylor Scripps, Granger Construction Project Engineer at tscripps@grangerconstruction.com.

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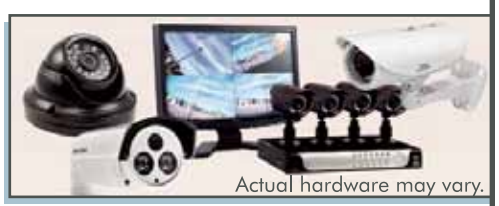

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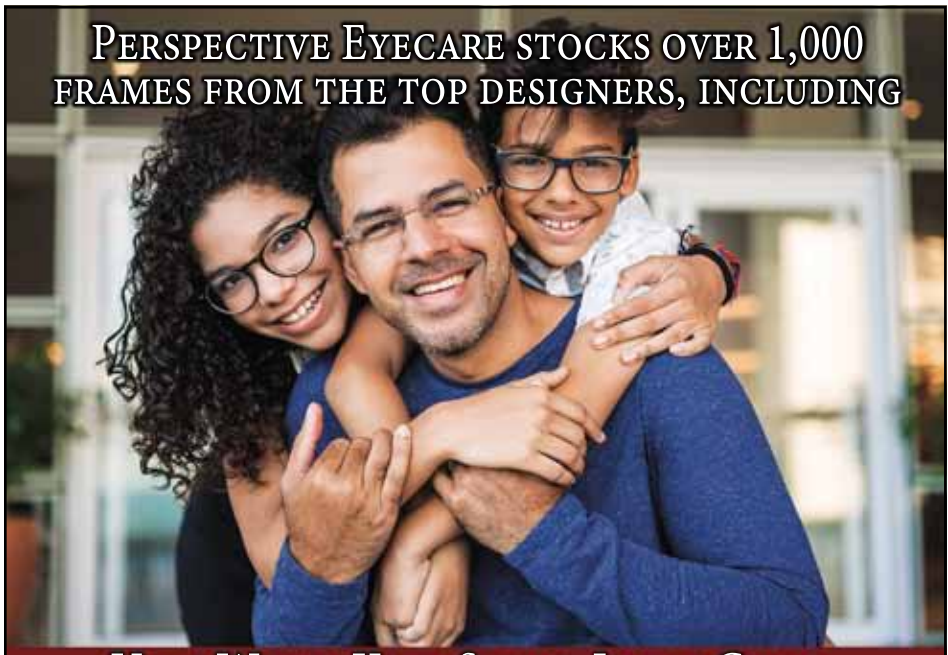

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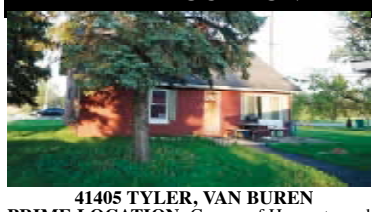

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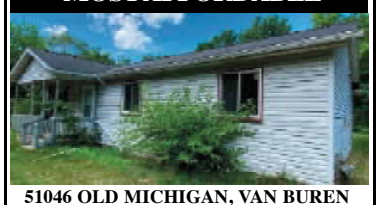

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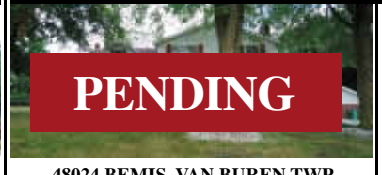

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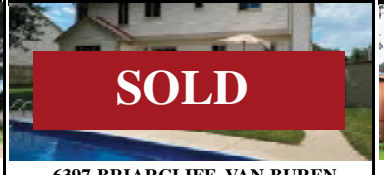

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